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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EALR, ENRG, CZ, IR, UR

SUBJECT: CSSR SIGNS \$2.5 BILLION DEAL FOR IRANIAN NATURAL GAS

1. NOVEMBER 13 RUDE PRAVO REPORTED THAT GOC SIGNED CONTRACT WITH IRAN NOV. 12 FOR NATURAL GAS WORTH OVER \$2.5 BILLION FOR PERIOD 1981-2003. NO VOLUME OR PRICES WERE GIVEN, BUT ARTICLE SAID DEAL IS LARGEST EVER SIGNED BY CSSR WITH "NON-SOCIALIST" COUNTRY. LUBOMIR HOSEK, GENERAL MANAGER OF METALIMEX FTO, SIGNED FOR GOC, AND TAGHI MOSSADEGHI, GENERAL MANAGER OF IRANIAN NATIONAL GAS COMPANY, SIGNED FOR IRANIANS. SIGNING TOOK PLACE IN PRAGUE IN PRESENCE OF CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER BARACAK AND IRANIAN AMBASSADOR EDFANDIARI. ARTICLE GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS AND DID NOT MENTION THAT IRANIAN GAS WILL ACTUALLY GO TO USSR AS REPLACEMENT FOR SOVIET GAS WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY COME TO CSSR.

2. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP MORE DETAILS ON THIS SIGNIFICANT DEAL FROM GOC AND IRANIAN EMBASSY SOURCES.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER
INFORMATION ON THIS WHICH ADDRESSEES, PARTICULARLY EMBASSY
TEHRAN, CAN PROVIDE.
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